Statement - I

Economic cost and central issue price of wheat and rice

Wheat

(Rs. per quintal)

Year	Economic cost	CIP		
		APL	BPL	AAY
2004-05	1019.01	610	415	200
2005-06	1044.42	610	415	200
2006-07	1232.58	610	415	200

Rice

(Rs. per quintal)

Year	Economic cost	CIP			
		APL		BPL	AAY
		Common	Grade A		
2004-05	1303.59	795	830	565	300
2005-06	1337.29	795	830	565	300
2006-07	1385.92	795	830	565	300

Statement II

Details of subsidy released by Government to FCI and DCP States for TPDS and other welfare schemes during last three years.

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Subsidy released		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total subsidy	25746.45	23071	23827.59
Scheme-wise subsidy			
BPL	12580	10075	10149
APL	2792	3334	3349
AAY	4968	6418	7852
TPDS	20340	19827	21350
MDM	1594	1229	1284
Other Welfare Schemes	624	1517	622

World Bank Credit for Control of HIV/AIDS in the Country

*136. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement of World Bank credit of US 250 million dollar for the Third National HIV/AIDS Control Project has been signed recently aiming at halting

and reversing the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2011;

(b) if so, whether this project would be integrated with our comprehensive efforts being made towards gradully eliminating this growing menance or this project would concentrate on specific areas where the incidence of this deadly disease is comparatively higher; and

(c) what are the salient points of this World Bank Project?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) The National AIDS Control Programme Phase III aims at halting and reversing the epidemic by 2012. It was approved with a total outlay of Rs. 8023 crore for the five year period 2007-2012. Of this, Rs. 1125 crore (US 250 million dollar) has been obtained from the World Bank. The World Bank loan is proposed for up-scaling targeted interventions among high risk groups and vulnerable population, improving access to safe blood, strengthening services for the treatment of sexually transmited infections, capacity building, condom promotion and increasing awareness about preventive measures and demand generation for services available. The fund will also be utilized for augmenting the capacity for programme dilivery at district, state and national levels and also to strengthen the information management system to improve the effectiveness of data collection and analysis. These activities will be taken up throughout country with a higher focus on 195 districts which have a higher prevalence of HIV infection in the country.

CD-ROM facility

*137. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CD-Rom facility is most important part of a modern library for retrieval of information;

(b) whether despite a huge investment and annual expenditure of over rupees twenty-five lakhs, this facility is almost non-functional in IARI, Library, Pusa and its access is not available to agricultural scientists and research students for the last one year;

(c) the number of users from November, 2006 to October, 2007 and the figures for the corresponding period in previous two years; and

(d) whether Government has conducted any enquiry into the matter; if so the findings thereof and the action taken against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The CD-ROM (Compact Discs with Read Only Memory) facility is one of the important parts of modern library system for retrieval of information.

(b) No, Sir. The CD-ROM work stations have always been functional in the IARI Library and acces to database has been provided regularly to the scientists and students. The Service to various divisions of the institute was however partly affected during April, 2006 to March, 2007 due to paucity of the online databases. The service at present is fully functional.